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## **La Porte CPAAA hosts 2014 regional gathering at LPPD facility**

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**Capt. Ken DeFoor of the Liberty County Sheriffs Dept. speaks on Graphology, while over 50 other TCPAAA members discuss the value of community service through volunteerism.**

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, members of the La Porte Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA), along with LPPD's Chief and members of the Support Services Division, welcomed several other Police Alumni Associations from around southeast Texas. Over 50 Citizen Police Academy Alumni Associations members from throughout the greater Houston-Galveston metro area were in attendance. The event was part of the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association's ongoing planning and coordination events for such municipal volunteer service organizations. Education, service, and fellowship were the themes, as like-minded community volunteers exchanged ideas for the betterment of all Texas communities.

The Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association provides both direct and supportive assistance in educational classes, seminars and group gatherings. The educational processes are conducted by law enforcement agencies and any other organization dealing with safety and security issues. In having the tools to be more vigilant, the local CPAAA's can be significant assets to their sponsoring law enforcement agencies while also providing valuable opportunities for civic-minded citizens to give back to their communities as volunteers. Education in vigilant activities encompasses the topics of drugs, gangs, missing children and adults, along with other unique subjects pressing in local communities.

The mission of the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is to assist and educate the various Citizen Police Academy Alumni Associations within the State of Texas to better serve their communities by more effectively partnering with and supporting the law enforcement agencies in their area. With a focus such as this, dedicated to improvement through service, the LPCPAAA volunteers have proven themselves fine representatives for this cadre of community-builders.

For more information on the La Porte Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAA), log onto the organization's website at [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org). Or for more information on how you can enroll in the next La Porte Citizens Police Academy, and become a volunteer with the LPCPAAA yourself, please contact La Porte Police Department's Support Services Division at 281-842-3174 or 3183.